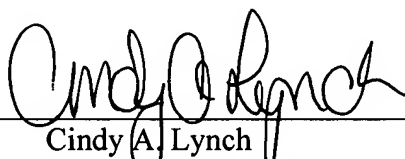


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-45 were pending in the present application. By virtue of this Preliminary Amendment, new Claims 46-47 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-47 are currently under consideration. In the event that there are any questions concerning these amendments or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution may be expedited. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3100.

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